

ALLIANCE DEPARTMENT.

(While newspaper men are not eligible to membership in the Farmers' Alliance, if they even wished to become such, we feel it our duty to reserve a position in the Alliance for them. Here they can freely express their views on such matters as will tend to better their condition, and publish their reports of their meetings. Correspondence for this department is invited, but whatever expression may be found or sentiment upheld, it is understood that the editor of the *Star* is not responsible therefor, nor is it an indication that these views are his views. The farmers' interests are ours to a great extent, and we freely do what we can to assist them in their struggle for homes and rights.—Ed.)

PUBLIC TALK

By W. A. Peffer, of the Kansas Farmer, in Colby May 23.

W. A. Peffer, editor of the Kansas Farmer, will arrive in Colby May 23 on the noon P. M. train and at 3 o'clock will address the farmers and public in general at Thomas county and Colby. Everybody is invited to attend and bring their families.

STRAWBERRIES.

BUREAU OF SOUTHERN NEWS.
J. T. PATRICK, General Manager.

It has been said that God might have made a better berry than the strawberry, but He never did. One thing is certain, no berry has so strong a hold upon the human sense of taste as the strawberry. Whether it grows in the valley or on the mountain; in grassy meadow or in old field; in the home, or in the market garden; whether ripened under the sun's kisses and wild breezes of nature, or under the more careful culture of well kept fields; it has the most delicious flavor of all berries; and humanity snatches its lips over that flavor in the last one and wishes for more. Only a few days since we saw a person who had never eaten a strawberry. Until within a few years a very large portion of the people of the South never saw a strawberry; there are still many who never tasted one. But this condition is rapidly passing away. It has now been demonstrated by successful trial, that this paragon of berries may not only be produced all over the South, but also produced with a gilded profit. A story has been told of the man who, bound to eat strawberries enough for one year, began in Florida to eat them in April; and moving northward as the crop ripened, closed up the happy undertaking in northern New York in July. Such lingering sweetness long drawn out, and a strawberry shortcake three months long is not only possible but common to the South, and New York. Their last berries come to them from their own state. But whence do they get the first? Those for which they pay one dollar a basket, or five cents a piece? There can be only one answer: from the South. The sentimental philanthropist of the North may lie awake nights over the mistaken idea that there is a race problem in the South; but he makes no mistake when he carries home to his tea table his baskets of luscious strawberries, which the South raises for you and pay for them too. And that is just the point we wish to press upon many of you, who can't stay where you are and don't know what to do anywhere else. The profits of raising strawberries. Dr. McKay, of Mississippi, one of the most successful fruit growers in the South, writes thus: "It was not generally believed that our southern soil and climate were well adapted to the growth and perfection of the more tender and delicate small fruits. The first efforts to grow them on a liberal scale met with ridicule from even the most intelligent fruit growers, and the fruit commission merchants of distant cities. In 1875, having one acre, good stand, in choice shape, I began picking about the 20th of April, and shipping to Chicago, St. Louis, and Cincinnati; and when I closed my last season, which were sent to Vicksburg about the middle of June, I had gathered and shipped 3200 quarts, netting me over \$1200. This success removed all doubts and silenced all sneers, as to the adaptation of our soil and climate and the carrying quality of the berry, when gathered at the right stage and properly handled and packed. From a few acres, probably not over 10 in all, in Tennessee, to Lake Mauch Chunk, Louisiana, forty miles above New Orleans, its culture has increased until it is now estimated at full 1000 acres along the line of the Illinois Central railroad. The writer having increased his to about thirty-five acres; the net proceeds being diminished with increased culture." In spite of increased culture and competition, we know of men who are still growing rich from the culture of strawberries. Remember that in this business, the first sales bring the largest profits. The South makes the first sales.

In Memoriam.

VALPARAISO, IND., May 15, 1890.
BAUM.—At Rexford, Kans., on May 5th, after a lingering illness, Laura M., the beloved wife of G. M. Baum, aged 30 years, and 9 months.

Leaves have their time to fall, And flowers to wither at the north wind's breath. But thou, thou hast all seasons for thine own, Oh, Death!

How truthfully the thought expressed in the above lines comes home to our minds when over our midst some one near and dear has been ruthlessly called by the cold, stern hand of death. The first dawn of spring, the summer's golden noontide, the mournful haze of autumn, or the hoary frosts of winter afford alike to him ample opportunity for the merciless sweep of his keen, unerring scythe. Were not death viewed from a supernatural or higher plane than that from which we observe most other material changes, it would indeed seem difficult to reconcile the judgement of man with the justice of God. While we are on all sides the useless, the aged, and even the vicious pass along for years untouched by the angel of death, yet at every moment we behold stricken down the useful, the youthful, and the good, those whose every breath is felt as a benison, and whose loss not only their friends, but the general community have cause to mourn. Such was the case with the subject of this sketch. A young man, just blossomed into the first years of motherhood, surrounded by all that could make life happy, and in return by her genial, happy and thoughtful disposition, bestowing peace and comfort on all who came within the sphere of her usefulness. Yet she is smitten by disease, and death snatches her away from all earthly loves and joys. Truly inscrutable are the ways of Divine Providence, and man can only bow to its decree. The deceased, whose maiden name was Laura M. LaPorte, was a native of Valparaiso, Ind., until June 8, 1886, when she was married to G. Monroe Baum, of Hubbell, Neb., but latterly of Rexford, Kansas, whence they went, expecting to make their future home. Then to her life opened with bright prospects of health and happiness. This was not to be but for a few short years, when her health began to fail, and despite all the care of a loving husband and kind friends, calmly and peacefully she passed away to meet us trust, from the hands of her God, in another and better world the reward of a well spent life. To the bereaved husband, little daughter, mother, brother and sisters, in their sorrow, words of comfort are unavailing. The healing hand of Him alone can soften the anguish experienced by those who feel so terrible the desolation of a once happy home, brightened as it was by the presence of wife and mother. Of one so well known and universally esteemed by the citizens of Valparaiso, Ind., it seems almost needless to say anything in praise; but this humble tribute is offered only as a memento from one who mourns her loss. Let us remember that in reality she is not dead, only transplanted from this earthly pilgrimage to the soul's eternal home.

There is no death. The stars go down to rise Upon some fairer shore, And bright in heaven's jeweled crown They shine forevermore.

A FRIEND.

If you or any of your family should happen to be frightened by a wild animal, what have you in the house to alleviate the pain until you can get a physician? A box of Beggs' German Salve on hand at times like this would save a world of suffering and oftentimes a doctor bill, as it has no equal in cases of this kind, as well as inflammation of all kinds. O. P. Baugh, druggist.

THE BEST OFFER YET!

A New Departure.

Beginning with the issue of January 2d, 1889, The Topeka Weekly Capital will be enlarged from 8 to 12 pages, and be otherwise strengthened in every feature. It is a Kansas paper for Kansas people all the time and worthy of patronage. Having made special arrangements with the publisher, we are enabled to offer the *Star* and the *Topeka Weekly Capital* both one year for \$1.50.

Every Kansas man should have his local paper for home news, and a paper from the capital of the state. Give this combination a trial.

"ON TO THE GULF,"

In the Motto of the Northwestern Kansas Editorial Association.

ON BOARD TRAIN, May 16.—Representing the ever wide awake Thomas County CAT, your correspondent took the 3:30 train this morning for Mankato to attend the second and last day of the convention of the Northwestern Kansas Editorial Association being held at Mankato. Having partaken of a hearty breakfast in one of the handsome dining cars of the "Great Rock Island Route," we were ready for business on our arrival.

The convention assembled during the morning in the new and commodious court house. The unfinished business was soon completed and the meeting then adjourned until next year when it will be held at the Missouri Pacific. Before a resolution was adopted expressing thanks for the many favors extended the fraternity by the citizens of Mankato, who opened their homes in a most cordial and happy manner. It was the good fortune of your correspondent to partake of the hospitalities of the Rev. Mayo and wife at their pleasant home. The town was decorated in holiday attire and presented a fine appearance.

Last evening a grand banquet was given the association members by the citizens which is said to have been a most enjoyable affair.

Dell Valentine was elected president, and J. L. Brady, secretary for the ensuing year.

This afternoon at 4:40 o'clock one hundred and three, ladies and gentlemen, started on an excursion to Galveston, Texas, over the Missouri Pacific. The train from Mankato in Concordia was in charge of the affable Charley Stiles. Everyone aboard the train is in high spirits. Next week we will give you an account of our trip to the Gulf. We expect to reach Galveston Monday, May 19 at 10:35 p. m.

P. S.—Politics is not a part of this convention, but we could not help but notice the frequent remarks in regard to the result of the congressional convention recently held in Colby. The opinion largely prevailed among the press representatives that if Hon. E. J. Turner had received justice, he would have been nominated by a good majority, and that to day the voice of the people are for Turner.

Scattering Sheaves.

Corn planting is about over. Some corn will soon do to work.

Can Ass, of Brock, Nebraska, but formerly of this vicinity, is here, looking after his father's timber claim. He was somewhat surprised at the rapid advancement our county is making, and now feels sorry that they ever left.

Ellis Murphy is very sick with pneumonia fever. Some doubts as to his recovery.

A little son of Mr. Cruickshank is very sick.

An effort is being made to organize a Sunday school at the North Star school house, district 34.

We cannot help but admire the grove of trees at S. K. Wine's. It shows what industry will do. We wish to see more trees as it will have a tendency of beautifying our country, as well as enhancing its valuation. Vox Populi.

Rexford Echoes.

MAY 17th, '90.
Many farmers done planting corn. Corn that is up looks well. Small grain of all kinds is doing well.

Big crowds at Rexford to-day. Merchants doing a good business. G. N. Hunter has a new clerk who put in an appearance about ten days ago. Gross weight 11 pounds and of the masculine gender.

The Alliance here is still increasing. Have nearly thirty members at present and expect many more in the next two weeks.

We understand our landlord was talking of joining the Alliance but some of his fellow townsmen threaten to boycott him if he does.

Rennon.

The people and friends of Rawlins county are invited to join in a celebration of the ending of our county-seat contest, to be held at Atwood on Thursday, May 23d, 1890. Roast ox dressing, etc. for all. With malice toward none, with charity to all, let us go forward in the work of developing our county and laboring for the up-building and prosperity of every man, woman and child within its borders.

COMMITTEE.

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Publication Notice.

In the district court within and for the county of Thomas in the state of Kansas.

J. B. Morrison, Plaintiff,

vs.

Eva M. Rexford, and A. F. Rexford, Defendants.

To Eva M. Rexford and A. F. Rexford, you and each of you, will take notice that the said J. B. Morrison, plaintiff, did, on the 15th day of May 1890, file his petition in said district court within and for the county of Thomas in the state of Kansas, against the said Eva M. Rexford and A. F. Rexford, defendants, and that the said defendants must answer said petition filed as aforesaid on or before the 25th day of June 1890, or said petition will be taken as true, and a judgment rendered in said action against said defendants, Eva M. Rexford and A. F. Rexford, for the sum of four hundred dollars, with interest thereon at the rate of 10 per cent per annum from the 1st day of April 1890, and for the further sum of \$400.00, with interest thereon at the rate of 10 per cent per annum from the 1st day of April 1890; and a further judgment against said defendants, Eva M. Rexford and A. F. Rexford, for the foreclosure of a certain mortgage upon the following described real estate, to wit:

The northwest quarter of section two (2) in township seven (7) south of range thirty-one (31) west of the 6th P. M., containing 160 and 56 one hundredths acres according to government survey, lying and situated in the county of Thomas, in the state of Kansas, and adjoining that of the said plaintiff has the first lien on said premises, to the amount for which judgment will be taken as aforesaid, and unless said premises be sold without appraisal, and the proceeds applied to the payment of the amount due plaintiff and costs of suit, and forever barring and foreclosing said defendants, and each of them, of and from all right, title, estate, interest, property, and equity of redemption, in or to said premises, or any part thereof.

W. S. WILL COXEN, Atty. for Pltff.

Attest, C. W. ROBBINS, Clerk.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION—19761.

Land Office at Oberlin, Kans., May 16th, 1890.

Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the Probate Judge and ex-officio clerk of the Probate Court of Thomas county, Kansas at Colby, Kansas, on June 7, 1890, viz:

JANE MCKINNEY, widow of Daniel McKinney, deceased.

H. E. No 3716 for the ne 1/4 sec 30, twp 8s, R. 31w. She names the following witnesses to prove her continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: Thomas Reed, Irvin Jennings, all of Menlo, Kan.; C. V. Smith, Hiram G. Myers, all of Colby, Kan.

5-2-10-6w. CYRUS ANDERSON, Register.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION—19759.

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DEIDRICK BRENS.

H. E. No 4025 for the ne 1/4 sec 4, sec 4 town 7s range 31w.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: Isaac Custer, James Stedman, Henry Wason, all of Menlo, Kansas; T. S. Kaufman, of Oakley, Kansas.

5-2-10-6w. CYRUS ANDERSON, Register.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION—19760.

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JOHN E. ROWLAND.

H. E. No. 3072 for the ne 1/4 sec 27, twp 6s, R. 35w. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: Bertie L. Lewis, John B. Richardson, Martin L. Lacey, James A. Darrough, all of Copeland, Kansas.

5-2-10-6w. CYRUS ANDERSON, Register.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION—19763.

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JOHN E. COFFMAN.

H. E. No 2281 for the ne 1/4 sec 3 town 6s range 31w.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: Joseph B. Daniels, John V. Moreland, Alonzo Ketchum, John H. Cerrington, all of Ottoburne, Kansas.

5-2-10-6w. CYRUS ANDERSON, Register.

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